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Lecture – "The Conflict After Iraq—What Will It Look Like? Are We Prepared?"

Maj. Gen. Paul J. Selva

Thursday, January 17, 2008

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Fine Arts Building (125 Auditorium), University of Pittsburgh

The Ridgway Center is hosting Major General Paul J. Selva who will give a lecture called "The Conflict After Iraq—What Will it Look Like? Are We Prepared?" on January 17th. The Ridgway Center has arranged this event to generate attention on near future American security planning. Despite virtually universal desire to end the fighting in Iraq—or at least to end U.S. and Coalition involvement there—the complex tangle of security, liberty and sovereignty concerns defies quick or easy solutions. The magnitude of U.S. and Coalition casualties and expenditures has placed the Iraq War firmly in the center of global discourse. Alongside this debate however, stands a specter of even greater consequence: There will be a "next" conflict after Iraq, months or years from now, one that we cannot predict with certainty. How will we meet this challenge while preserving America's freedoms at home and leadership and credibility abroad? What lessons have we learned from the Iraq War? The Ridgway Center

welcomes all interested parties to attend what is expected to be an engaging presentation and discussion.

Maj. Gen. Paul J. Selva is Director, Air Force Strategic Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this capacity, he is responsible for directing the development and implementation of Air Force long-range strategic planning, as well as providing associated policy guidance. A command pilot with over 3,100 hours in cargo and refueler aircraft, General Selva has held numerous staff positions and has commanded at squadron, wing and headquarters levels. Prior to his current assignment, the general was Director of Operations, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

This event is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. Q&A following remarks. Registration and more information: www.ridgway.pitt.edu <<http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu/>> or call 412-624-7884.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring 2008 Study Abroad: SATC Forms Due TODAY!

Any students planning to study abroad during the spring semester 2008 should submit their Study Abroad Transfer Credit (SATC) forms TODAY, December 14, to the Office of International Education. Any student who does not have the form, or who did not attend the mandatory pre-departure orientation, should contact the Office of International Education immediately.

Spring Break Trip to Estonia and Russia

Professor Naum Kats of the Department of History will be leading a spring break trip to Estonia and Russia with the generous support of Modern Languages, International Relations, History, Student Affairs, and the H&SS Office of the Dean. Interested students should contact Professor Kats directly at kats@andrew.cmu.edu.

Summer 2008 Friedman Internship Program in Washington DC

If you hope to intern in Washington DC next summer, but could use some financial assistance, consider applying for CMU's Friedman Internship Program. Open to undergraduate and graduate students from CMU, the program provides a stipend, as well as educational and social programming. (Students must secure their own internships and housing.) For more information, visit <http://www.cmu.edu/govrel/internships/> <<http://www.cmu.edu/govrel/internships/>> ; an information session will also be held in February.

US Department of State Summer Clerical Program

The US Department of State is now accepting applications for its Summer Clerical Program. The program, available to degree-seeking students who are US citizens over the age of 16, relieves the staffing shortage associated with summer vacation while allowing students to become acquainted with the State Department's work. Students hired for the position will engage in clerical and administrative duties, such as answering phones, filing, photocopying, etc.

For more information, and to start the online application process, go to <http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SCP>. The deadline to submit completed applications is January 4, 2008.

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